

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR FORESTERS**

**Board Meeting: March 8, 2006**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

John W. Mixon, Chairman and Forester  
W. Dale Greene, Vice Chairman and Forester  
James Fred Allen, Forester  
John Britt, Forester  
Charlie Bonner Jones, Forester

**Others present:**

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director  
Ruth Reece, Applications Specialist  
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary  
Chris Helms, Board Attorney  
Chuck Miller, Investigations Unit

Chairman Mixon established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2005 meeting. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Allen, Britt, Greene, Jones, and Mixon. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Applications:**

The Board reviewed the list of applicants licensed since the last review. Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** those licensed. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicant was **approved** for Licensure since the last review:

License #	Name	Date	Method
RF002788	Ronald Dale Cassell	01/23/2006	Examination

Applications were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the following applications for licensure, examination, reciprocity, and reinstatement that met certification requirements. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure:

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RF002789	Jasper Troy Clymer	3/8/2006	Examination
RF002790	Donnie Fleming	3/8/2006	Examination
RF002791	Robert Paul Gordon	3/8/2006	Examination
RF002792	Shannon Ardell Herrin	3/8/2006	Examination
RF002793	Donald Edward Wood, Jr.	3/8/2006	Examination
RF002794	Billy Earl Ketchum	3/8/2006	Reciprocity

The following applicant was **approved** for Examination:

Jon Daniel Balkcom

The following applicant was **approved** for Reinstatement of Licensure:

Christopher T. Sewell – RF002508

**The following applicant appeared before the Board and provided additional information regarding his application and to appeal the Board’s disapproval of his application:**

**Kirkpatrick A. Sanders:** After considering additional information provided, Mr. Greene made a motion to reaffirm its previous decision to **disapprove** his application. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Written Requests – Renewals:**

**Convictions:** The Board reviewed documents relating to an application for renewal from a licensee who answered “yes” to the conviction question. Mr. Allen made a motion to **approve** the following licensee for renewal. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Disciplinary Actions/Sanctions:** The Board reviewed documents relating to an application for renewal from a licensee who answered “yes” to the disciplinary actions/sanctions question. Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** the following licensee for renewal. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Continuing Education Audit:**

The Board reviewed documentation submitted by licensees selected for the continuing education audit. Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** the documentation and to renew the licensees. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Extension of Continuing Education (CE) Requirements:**

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**Angus B. Lafaye:** After reviewing a request for an extension of time to complete CE requirements, Mr. Allen made a motion to **approve** an extension until June 30, 2006, for completion and submission of appropriate documentation. The hours cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Walter M. Lentz, Jr.:** After reviewing a request for an extension to complete one hour of the ethics CE requirement, Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** an extension until April 15, 2006, for completion of the ethics CE requirement and submission of appropriate documentation. The hour cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Joel S. Martin:** After reviewing a request for an extension of CE requirements, the Board was advised that the licensee had submitted documentation of completion of CE requirements. Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** the licensee for renewal. The hours cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**James McCracken:** After reviewing a request for an extension to forward documentation showing completion of CE requirement for ethics, Mr. Allen made a motion to **approve** an extension until June 30, 2006, to provide documentation of completion. The hours cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Lester O. Thompson:** After reviewing a request for an extension to complete the CE requirements, Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** an extension until June 30, 2006, for completion and submission of appropriate documentation. The hours cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Henry G. Williams:** After reviewing a request for an extension to complete one hour of the ethics CE requirement, Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** an extension until June 30, 2006, for completion and submission of documentation. The hour cannot be counted towards future renewals. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Exemption of Continuing Education (CE) Requirements:**

**Robert Austin Paddon:** After reviewing a request for an exemption of CE requirements, Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** an exemption of CE requirements for the renewal period ending December 31, 2005 only. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Investigative Report:**

The Board heard a report from the Investigative Unit on the following case:

**FOR060040**

**Enforcement Committee Report:**

The Enforcement Committee reviewed the status of open cases.

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**FOR050035/060040** – Mr. Greene made a motion to proceed with Voluntary Surrender of License or Revocation of License if the Voluntary Surrender is not received within thirty (30) days. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** the following recommendations. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FOR050038** – send additional correspondence

**FOR060039** – close the case with a letter of concern

**FOR060042** – close the case

**Executive Director's Report:**

The Board heard a report from the Executive Director on the status of renewals and asked the Board to consider a policy on the release of investigative records.

**Policy:**

Mr. Greene made a motion to **approve** the following policy. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Release of Investigative Records/Results**

The results and records of an investigation may be released to other lawful licensing authorities and enforcement agencies, under O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h)(2), providing the Enforcement Committee Chairperson and the Executive Director approve the release of the information.

**Correspondence, Written Requests, Inquiries and Information Items:**

**Fred W. Greer, Jr.:** The Board reviewed the resignation letter of the former Board Member.

**Kathy A. Rogers:** The Board reviewed correspondence dated December 30, 2005, regarding House Bill 48 that provides for the State Ethics Commission to become the state filing office for Financial Disclosure Statements.

**ASBORG:** The Board reviewed information on the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on April 20-21, 2006, in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Britt made a motion to **approve** Mr. Mixon and Mr. Jones as delegates to attend and Mr. Allen as an alternate. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed other miscellaneous correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

**Other Business:**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Wakendra C. Stenson  
Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley  
Reviewed by Executive Director

John W. Mixon  
Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman  
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Division Director

These minutes were signed on \_\_\_\_\_ May 10, 2006

These minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_ May 10, 2006

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**Attachment**

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING  
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now John W. Mixon, the presiding officer

identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On March 8, 2006 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail

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below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John W. Mixon  
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006

Marie A. Urquhart  
Notary Public